

EVENT and COMMENT.

Spotted Tail, the celebrated Sioux warrior was shot and instantly killed last Sunday by Crow Dog, who regarded him with political jealousy. Spotted Tail had been summoned to Washington and was in the act of starting when Crow Dog slew him. He aspired to be chief of all the Sioux tribes.

Mr. James H. Gilmore's sleeping room at Marion was recently entered by a burglar, who got away with his fine gold watch and seal. Those who have come to regard Mr. Gilmore and that splendid watch seal as inseparable companions, will be disappointed at seeing them no longer together.

The Readjusters of Bland and Smyth have nominated for House of Delegates Mr. J. D. Honaker, a very bright and promising young citizen of Bland. In Giles and Pulaski they have nominated the late Senator A. S. French for the House.

Mrs. Clarke, widow of the late G. W. Pearis of Princeton, W. Va., was recently married to Rev. James Sweeney of Monroe Co.

Wymen the wizard is positively dead this day. He was born at Albany in 1816 and died at Burlington, Pa., a few days ago.

In Grayson county the Readjusters are running for the House Col. Wiley Vaughan against Col. A. M. Davis, the candidate of the Funders. Col. Davis was raised in this county.

Rev. Frank Richardson takes the Holston Methodist, vice Prof. Price, who takes a chair at Emory.

The P. O. at Pearisburg has been made a money order one, and P. M. Browning has been already commissioned accordingly. This is due to the good old town which will soon come out like Rip Van Winkle and shake itself for business.

The convicts that have been worked on the New River R. R. have been returned to Richmond. So says the *Pearisburg Virginian*. The cause is probably the strong hand of the N. & W., which leaves the enterprise no longer dependent on State aid.

N. O. Greenfield was hanged at Syracuse N. Y. the 6th, for the murder of his wife in 1875. For six years the case has lodged in the courts by new trials, mistrials, stays of proceedings, and reverses. At last he died solemnly protesting "Thou knowest, O God, that I am innocent."

The N. C. Tar heels stick to their liquor. The recent election gave a majority of 60,000 against prohibition. Every county in the good old State is said to have gone against it. They don't mind the manufacture and sale of spirits turned over to the moonshiners.

Mand S. now trots a mile in 2:11, making over 40 feet per second. This beats the world, and we presume she will yet beat herself by trotting in 2:10. The ambitious American will yet cut the time down to 2 before the millennium.

Gen. Grant's brother Orville, died a week ago in a New York insane asylum, where he has been for two years.

Dr. Tanner is fattening for a 90 days fast, and is making propositions to the New York medical faculty concerning it. He asks to have the air of his room charged with a strong current of electricity. This, we have no doubt, will greatly aid him. Indeed, if man could properly control and apply to his own vital powers the electric force, he would have found the fabled ambrosia, and could almost defy death.

Mr. Bradlaugh, the agitator, who, as a member of Parliament, refused to take the oath of office, and who boasted that if he had to take it, would not regard it as binding, has been forbidden admission to the House of Commons. He resisted and was forcibly handled by the police. Result, he has a first class case of erysipelas, and has to remain outside of Parliament.

Daniel's Stamp Tax.

We copy elsewhere from the Va. Patriot, the organ of the Grangers, the material portions of Mr. Daniel's accused stamp tax bill. It is proper to remark, that the bill was reported as the work of the Committee, there being on the name of no Senator as patron. But after elaborate discussion Mr. Daniel was not only satisfied with it, but moved to make it much worse, by adding to it a provision to require every R. R. ticket to be stamped from 5 to 10c each. A remarkable feature of this amendment—framed, written and offered by Mr. Daniel, is the one which forbade the R. R. Companies to saddle themselves with this tax, but absolutely required them to make the purchaser of the ticket pay it. At the time it was advocated, amended and voted for by Mr. Daniel, the Editor of this paper pigeon-holed the bill for future use, and in 1877 he brought it before the public. The Patriot then copied it from the News. The people will not fail to note that this is one of Mr. Daniel's methods of securing more money out of the people without increasing the rate of taxation, and it shows how transcendently worthless is the platform of this Funder Convention which promises not to increase the rate, but says, carefully, no word about not increasing the amount of taxation. That Convention knew whom to select as the man to find ways to get more money from the people without changing the rate.

On Gilbert's thou author of these coupons! war't that cruel in you to put your Suter's imprint on Johnny Daniel so soon? And then to say that the Funder platform suited you admirably! Now query! will the Funder telegraph you to have Jonas ready, should lightning strike them?

Bristol News.

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That Skulking Platform.

We asserted last week that the Funder platform has the head of a Lion and the heart of a sheep. It starts out with a huge show of boldness, and yet dodges and avoids nearly every issue before the people. The people will require Mr. Daniel to account for the silence of his party on these points: Do they favor coupons receivable for taxes, in their proposed settlement of the debt? Shall the new bonds be taxable? Shall the school fund be excepted in the coupon? Again: Shall the poll-tax qualification remain unrepented? Shall we have a new edition of the accused stamp-tax to circumvent the cheap promise about not increasing the rate of taxation?

On all these points the platform is silent. Unfortunately for Mr. Daniel, he has spoken on every one of them, and has already decided them against the people, and so notoriously, that even Gilbert Walker puts him on the back at the end of a telegraph wire. Now as the Funder propose a settlement which they have not defined except to say it shall be just like the bondholder dictates, we should like to know if they mean to let the people vote on it before it is voted about their necks. Unfortunately for Mr. Daniel, he is known to be opposed to submitting the debt settlement to the people.

The Readjusters have drawn their bill in all its details, and the people will pass upon it this fall. This bill speaks on all points. The Funder platform skulks every issue.

The Trouble With Barbour.

Mr. Harris nominated Mr. Barbour, Col. Richmond asked that he be nominated by acclamation. Dr. Lewis was authorized by Mr. Barbour to say he would not accept. Gen. Walker wanted a committee to go and see whether he would accept before he was nominated to supersede him. Finally Mr. Barbour was nominated at a venture, and the present Lieut. Governor was allowed to take Dr. Lewis and John T. in the cool to see then if he would accept. Mr. Barbour came and oh, how he did sweat. But he did say he "would be something more or less than human could he refuse a nomination given him under such circumstances"—that is, we suppose, he would have to be either an angel or a devil to refuse to burn the Barbour bill and to raise as his banner the Ross Hamilton bill. For mark ye the bill foreshadowed in the Funder platform is the whole debt at 3 per cent, with tax receivable coupons, and that is the R. H. bill.

The cream of the joke is Mr. Barbour had so often bolted from his party that he came near bolting by refusing this time. But acclamation was too much for him—and he wilted. Vowing he would never consent, he consented.

A Few Questions.

We see that on the committee which framed the Funder platform at Richmond there appears the name of R. E. Bland of the second District. A part of the work of Mr. Bland and his committee was a very brave resolution to the effect that the "Conservative" party had never been the perpetrator of any fraud in elections. Is this the same Bland who made a minority report in 75-6 on behalf of Senator Gage seated in lieu of Brady from Portsmouth, where in two wards alone 1,308 fraudulent kiss verse and postage stamp ballots were found in the box?

On the committee on permanent organization of that blooded and select body we notice the name of Camm Patterson. Is this the same Camm Patterson, who wrote and published the *Winn* of Sept. 12, 1877, an article headed "Readjustment of the public debt of Virginia," in which he declared that the burdens of the funding bill of '71 are intolerable and it must be crushed to earth at once—who further said therein, "It is plain to every one that we will eventually repudiate as we ought to repudiate, if the same state of things which now exists continues to exist"—who therein demanded a State convention at once, and that the Legislature would be to call it should "cut down the present tax bill, which is onerous and oppressive"? If so, "how dat chile have changed?"

"Mr. Strother declined to go into convention with Mr. Barbour, we suppose, because Mr. Barbour disregarded the section of the Conservative nominating convention on one or more occasions heretofore. Indeed, Mr. Barbour has very feeble claims upon that party."

—R. Dispatch of Sept. 7, '71

The fourth annual announcement of the Dental Department of the University of Tennessee at Nashville, is on our table. We see that our friend Dr. W. F. Fowler, the thrice, determined and accomplished Dentist of Greenville is assistant to the chair of operative Dentistry in that institution. The Faculty is composed of the most eminent material in the U. S.

Daniel at Martinsville.

He (Daniel) ridiculed the Readjuster cry of Virginia's poverty, and produced masses of figures to show that Virginia is richer than was unduly Virginia. —*Dispatch's Report of Daniel's speech at Martinsville, Aug. 8th.*

Then, Mr. Daniel, why do you not go

for increasing taxation to pay the whole debt? Are you a repudiator without excuse? No wonder the DISPATCH was afraid to see you nominated. By-the-way what will you do about this poll-tax proscription measure? Are you in favor of that supreme bedevilment, a stamp tax? So far as the people are concerned they would prefer to see the internal revenue brigade doubled than to be annoyed by that outrage on private life, that damnable annoyance to all business, that trap for the unwary man, the stamp tax outrage. Let us hear from you a little on that?

Daniel's Stamp-Act.

In the Senate of 1875-6, Major John W. Daniel was the author of the following bill, for which he voted:

No instrument, document or paper shall be recorded until the proper stamp shall be fixed to it, and any officer recording it without such stamp shall be fined \$500. No other paper requiring a stamp shall be valid or of effect until stamped, and notes except official documents of the United States or of the State of Virginia shall be exempt. The party affixing the stamp shall be required to write upon it the initials of his name and the date. The failure to attach any such stamp as required by the act shall impose a penalty of two hundred dollars on the party so failing.

RATES.

On every agreement, or contract, or agreement of value, or damage, or for other purpose, for every sheet or piece of paper on which either of the same shall be written, 5 cents.

On bills of exchange, promissory notes, drafts or orders, for the payment of money, or any memorandum or other written or printed evidence of money to be paid, on time or on demand, if under one hundred dollars, five cents; and for each additional hundred dollars or fraction of a hundred dollars, 5 cents.

Indemnifying bond, under one thousand dollars, fifty cents, and on each other bond, fifty cents or fraction.

Every official bond under the laws of Virginia, \$1.00.

Every bond (note under seal), 35 cents.

Every certificate of stock in any incorporated company, 25 cents.

Certificate of profits, or memorandum of such, showing an interest in any incorporated company between \$10 and \$50, 10 cents; between \$50 and \$100, 25 cents; over \$100, 50 cents.

Certificate of deposit in bank, under \$100, 2 cents; over \$100, 5 cents.

Certificate of any other kind, 5 cents.

Charter party, &c., 50 cents to \$5.

Contract, memorandum of sale of any merchandise, real estate, &c., by any broker, 10 cents.

Life insurance policy, 25 cents to \$1.

Fire and Marine Insurance, 10c to 50c.

Deeds of Trust, or deed other than deed of lease, less than \$1,000, 50 cents; and for each additional \$1,000 or fraction thereof, 50 cents.

On every lease, memorandum or contract, for the rent of any land or tenement, if for less than \$300, 50 cents; and for each additional \$200 per annum or rental value, 50 cents.

Measure of returns, 10 cents.

Power of Attorney for sale, or transfer, or collection of stock, bonds, scrip, dividends or interest, 50 cents.

Power of Attorney to rent, lease, or sell real estate, \$1.

For any other purpose, 50 cents.

Protest of note, &c., 10 cents.

Warehouse receipt for property, goods or merchandise, if for less than \$500, 50 cents; if for less than \$1,000, 75 cents; and for each additional \$1,000 or fraction thereof, 75 cents.

Power of Attorney to rent, lease, or sell real estate, \$1.

The expenses of this school are paid from the Peabody fund. This is thought to be the very wisest way to spend the small amount of Peabody money at the disposal of our State Supt. In all believing that Dr. Rutherford is right in this disavowal of H. The Abingdon school runs for one month. There is another school of the same character at Front Royal, Va. There is also a large Normal school of the same kind for the colored people at Hampton, Va. This school ran for one month and has just closed. It is hoped that the day is not far distant when there will be a State Normal School, not for one month, but entire scholastic year. Normal training for our teachers is at the very foundation of our success in the public schools, and Dr. Rutherford deserves the thanks of all friends of popular education for the interest he has manifested and the work he has done in this direction.

A Free Education.

"Common schools fostered and protected." —Democratic Platform, 1880.

No. of Schools.	1879.	1880.	Per cent. of Pupils.
Graded Schools.	125	454	290
Pupils.	106,074	230,738	218
Teachers.	2,560	4,873	190
Expenditure.	\$57,333.15	\$96,109.33	168
Colored Teachers.	415	755	29
Colored Schools.	415	1,266	100
Colored Pupils.	35,768	85,600	266

—Whig.

The Just Debt of Virginia.

Old registered and coupon debt, as of Jan. 1, 1861, \$31,506,582.90

Old James River Stock and James River and Kanawha bonds, 294,130.00

Total State Debt of Jan. 1, 1861, \$31,800,712.90

Interest from Jan. 1, 1861 (including arrears at that date), to July 1, 1871, \$21,504,342.90

Debt and interest to July 1, 1871, \$53,305,055.80

Virginia's two-thirds, \$35,536,793.87

Interest paid from Jan. 1, 1861, to Jan. 1, 1871, 4,711,213.09

Interest paid under acts of 1867, 2,545,470.07

State's interest in public works sold for old bonds between Jan. 1, 1866, and July 1, 1871, 2,087,179.82

State's interest in public works sold for bonds of '66-'67, between Jan. 1, 1866, and July 1, 1871, 1,023,069.85

Deduct four years' war interest on two thirds of the original debt at 6 per cent, 5,088,114.06

Add interest at 6 per cent from July 1, 1871, to July 1, 1881, 11,688,981.88

Interest paid in cash since July 1, 1871, 2,321,311.78

Interest paid in coupons since July 1, 1871, 7,801,917.00

Redeemed by sinking fund since July 1, 1871, 5,694,720.38

Virginia's just debt, \$13,352,609.29

Add four years' war interest deducted above, 5,088,114.06

—Whig.

N. & W. R. R.

About its New River Branch to Mercer and Tazewell.

"The Norfolk & Western R. R. Company has just secured the franchises and works of the New River Railroad, and will immediately prosecute the construction of that road into the Great Flat Top Coal Region. This will furnish cheap coal for the company's own use and for its important local manufacturing industries, and will also provide a large business in coal transportation for shipment from Norfolk, where coal wharves are being located." This item is appended to a circular of July 18th, 1881, sent by Treasurer Wm. G. Macdowell. We have since learned that the purchase includes the franchises, etc., of the New River R. R. Co. of Va., the New River R. R. Co. of W. Va., the East River R. R. Co. of W. Va., and the Blue Stone R. R. Co. of W. Va. All of these have been combined into the New River R. R. Co., with F. J. Kimball, the First Vice President of the Norfolk & Western, as President; and that 35 miles of the road have already been let for construction and that the remainder will be let in a few days, and the whole of the coal field be pressed to a speedy completion. This railway, which will soon become one of the most important feeders of the Norfolk & Western, will, for the present, begin at New River station of the N. & W., the one on the west side of the New river, (near East River, property), and not at Central on the east side, as shown on map in our June number, and follow down that river, on its west side, through Putaski and Giles counties, Va., to the mouth of East river, a distance of 35 miles; thence leaving New River, the road will either run across Mercer county, W. Va., south-west, up East River to its head, some 24 miles and thence across to the forks of Bluestone, some 6 or 7 miles further, where the border of the Great Flat-top Mountain coal field is reached; or it may follow East river to Five-mile creek and then go northwest, by way of Princeton, to the same coal field lower down the Bluestone. Of this branch and the coal-field it will open we shall have more to say hereafter. The map in our Feb., 1880, number, shows the location of the coal-field. The coal-field line on the map in our last number was intended to run up Wolf creek; but will change the location to East river on the opposite or north side of the mountain range and into W. Va.

A Good Baptist.

clergyman of Bergen, N. Y., a strong temperance man, suffered with kidney trouble, neuralgia, and dizziness almost to his death, two years after he was told that Hop Bitters would cure him because he was a friend of and prejudiced against "Bitters." Since his cure he says none need fear but trust in Hop Bitters.

Great Flat Top Coal.

The recent purchase of the New River R. R. by the Norfolk & Western people, and the announcement, which we publish elsewhere, that the railroad will at once be completed to the Great Flat Top Mountain coal-field on the Bluestone river side of it, in Mercer county, West Va., and Tazewell county, Va., will necessarily, in consequence of the effect likely to be had on the coal trade of the country by the introduction of a new and great controlling factor, create a strong desire to know what kind of coals this far-extending railway combination (see map in our last issue) will introduce to the markets. To gratify that desire with reliable information, we have procured the following analyses of samples from three beds of these coals, made by Messrs. Booth, Garrett, & Blair, of Philadelphia, July 11, 1881:

No. 1.	No. 2.	No. 3.	No. 4.
Moisture.	1.206	1.080	1.200
Volatiles matter.	20.175	18.630	20.107
Fixed carbon.	77.675	72.770	79.616
Ash.	0.855	0.8120	0.853

No. 1 is of coal from the 11-ft. seam known as the "Nelson" bed; No. 2 is from the outcrop of a ft. bed on Coal creek; No. 3 is from the outcrop of a 3-ft. bed also on Coal creek.

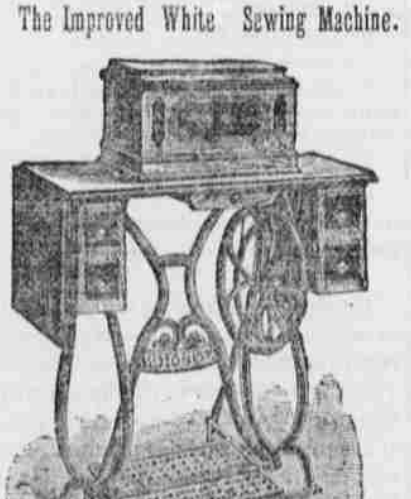
The analysis says: "All the three samples we had to deal with. No. 1 is, of course, the best, having the least ash." For comparison we introduced analysis No. 4, that of the "Jump coal" from the Broad Fork mines of Erie & Co., in the celebrated Pittsburgh coal bed, near Connelville, Pa., made by A. S. McCrath, chemist of the Pa. Geological survey. (See Report M. M., p. 22.)—*Hutchins's Virginian*.

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